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Marc Huth, Air Mobility Command Security Forces, fires a 12-gauge shotgun during the fourth annual U.S. Transportation Command-hosted non-lethal weapons familiarization event (FAMFIRE) Sept. 10, at the Illinois National Guard Training area in Sparta, Illinois.
Photo by Bob Fehringer, USTRANSCOM/PA

USTRANSCOM hosts fourth non-lethal weapons event

By Bob Fehringer, TCPA

Air Force Capt. Desmond Foong stood in a grassy field, handing over the contents of his pockets, and his watch to two men who then grabbed his wrists. Seconds later, writhing in agony, he fell to the ground, face first.

But it's probably not what you're thinking.

Foong was at the receiving end of a TASER demonstration that opened the fourth annual U.S. Transportation Command-hosted non-lethal weapons familiarization event (FAMFIRE) Sept. 10, at the Illinois National Guard Training area in Sparta, Illinois.

"USTRANSCOM hosted the fourth annual non-lethal weapons familiarization fire event to educate leadership, planners and forces regarding non-lethal weapons capabilities," said Barry Schulhofer, U.S. Transportation Command Combatant Command Non-Lethal Weapons liaison.

According to Schulhofer, representatives of the Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, conducted familiarization sessions for forty shooters from USTRANSCOM, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Air Mobility Command, Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, 375th Air Mobility Wing, Illinois Army National Guard, and Illinois State Police.

"This was the fourth year (of FAMFIRE), and it was as successful, if not more so, than ever before," said Col.

Glen Christensen, chief, USTRANSCOM Protection Division. "It not only allows us to test equipment, but also see exactly what options are out there, and demonstrate to subordinate units such as Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, Air Mobility Command and the 375th Air Mobility Wing exactly what kind of non-lethal options are out there."

This year's event contained fewer participants than the previous three events.

"We wanted to have a more focused effort this year," Christensen said. "We wanted to focus specifically on law enforcement capabilities, and we wanted to have those representatives that were tied specifically to that mission, so that they fully understood the opportunities and the capabilities inherent in the equipment we were using."

During the demonstrations, participants fired non-lethal munitions from 12-gauge shotguns, M203 40mm grenade launchers and FN303R compressed air launchers. Additionally, there was a TASER and modular crowd control munitions demonstration, a less-than lethal claymore mine.

The Department of Defense defines non-lethal weapons as weapons, devices and munitions that are explicitly designed and primarily employed to immediately suppress or disable targeted personnel or materiel, while minimizing fatalities, permanent injury to personnel, and undesired damage to property in the target area or environment.

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APEX program visits

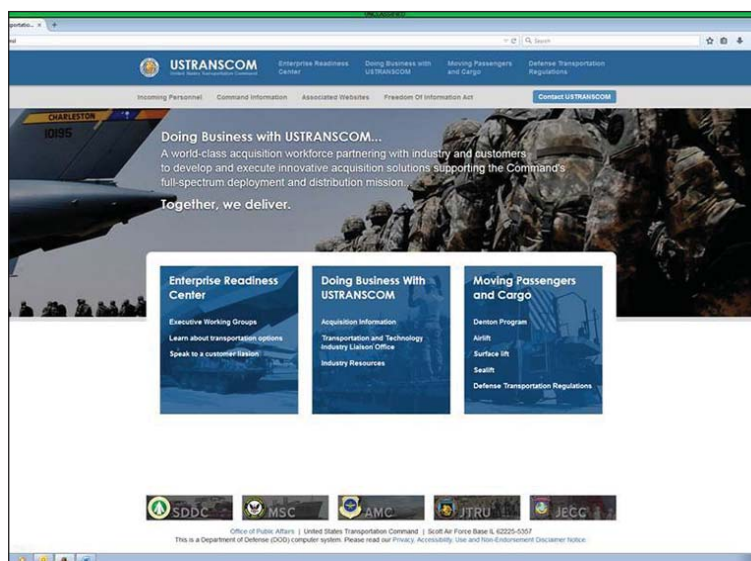
U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Stephen R. Lyons, USTRANSCOM deputy commander, briefed members of the APEX Senior Executive Service Orientation Program during their recent visit to Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Lyons briefed the USTRANSCOM mission and explained our role as a combatant command.

APEX provides newly-appointed senior executives with both a practical and theoretical understanding of the structure and processes of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Combatant Commands, the Joint Staff, and the Military Departments. The program fosters a joint and enterprise-wide perspective that defines challenges currently facing DoD leadership. A USTRANSCOM command orientation is part of the APEX curriculum. *Photo by Rob Wieland, USTRANSCOM/PA*



New USTRANSCOM Website

Gen. Darren W. McDew, commander, U.S. Transportation Command announced the new public web page during the fall 2015 National Defense Transportation Association symposium. The newly designed site incorporates more business focus and less command information for our external audience. Go to www.transcom.mil to check it out.



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Teammate Spotlight:

Army staff sergeant earns German military proficiency badge

By Bob Fehringer, TCPA

Army Staff Sgt. Timothy Smythe, U.S. Transportation Command, earned the German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency Aug. 7, one of the few approved foreign awards authorized for wear by members of U.S. armed forces.

The GAFBMP was introduced into the German armed forces in 1971 to combine a civilian German sports badge with strictly military type events to show the embedding of the armed forces in the society they serve, as well as to create a challenging event for soldiers of all ages.

"I first heard about it while I was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia," Smythe, 34, said. "I enjoy anything that's challenging, that's physically demanding. I'm always looking for some way to challenge myself and it seemed like a really good opportunity to do so."

Smythe, a security manager in the Operations and Planning directorate, got his opportunity in August when he joined approximately 30 fellow soldiers in the grueling event.

According to Smythe, requirements for the award include: weapons qualification, a ten meter shuttle run, 1000 meter run, pull up hang, a written first aid test, 100 meter swim in ACU uniform and a 7.5 mile march with 33-pound rucksack.

Typically, the German military members have a year to accomplish all the requirements.

"But they condensed it into a two-day event," Smythe said. "It was nice in one way, but then not in another in that your muscles are spent by the time the second day rolls around." Smythe said he most enjoyed the 100 meter swim.

"I accomplished the gold," Smythe said. "I beat everybody by at least a minute in the swim. That was like my defining moment."

"In hindsight, the one thing that stands out the most is the camaraderie built and shared amongst the competitors throughout this event," Smythe continued. "I am thankful to have had this opportunity to represent TRANSCOM, and the J3 directorate."



Sgt. Maj. Marco Somma, German Liaison for the German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency, presents Staff Sgt. Timothy Smythe with his badge Aug. 7. Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Timothy Smythe



Staff Sgt. Timothy Smythe swims, in uniform, the 100 meter portion of the requirements for the GAFBMP. Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Timothy Smythe

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month

October 2015 marks the 12th observance of National Cyber Security Awareness Month, a Presidentially-sponsored collaborative effort between the government and industry to promote the awareness of safety in cyberspace and our shared responsibility for its security.

We live in a world that is more connected than ever before, and the internet touches many aspects of our lives. Whether using the internet in our jobs at USTRANSCOM, or connecting with friends and family at home, practicing cyber security is essential to protecting our information and systems. To em-

phasize good cyber security practices, throughout the month of October TCJ6 will publicize information on five topics:

- Week 1 - General Cybersecurity Awareness
- Week 2 - Creating a Culture of Cybersecurity at Work
- Week 3 - Connected Communities: Staying Protected While Always Connected
- Week 4 - Your Evolving Digital Life
- Week 5 - Building the Next Generation of Cyber Professionals



Barry Schulhofer, U.S. Transportation Command's Combatant Command Non-Lethal Weapons liaison, briefs participants during the fourth annual U.S. Transportation Command-hosted non-lethal weapons familiarization event (FAMFIRE) Sept. 10, at the Illinois National Guard Training area in Sparta, Illinois.

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"The reason less-than-lethal (weapons) are so incredibly important to the USTRANSCOM mission," Christensen said, "is that at the end of the day, given the evolving protection environment we are facing and the types of environments we operate in, whether it's aircraft, or whether its aboard ship, the ability to engage with less-than-lethal is critical.

"There may be times that even lethal (force) is authorized," Christensen continued, "but given the equipment, given the type of things that are around where we're operating, the ability to engage in less-than-lethal not only gives us the effect we want to achieve. It also considers the operating environment, and minimizes the amount of damage we may cause to things such as critical aircraft capabilities, and ship capabilities.

"This year, as in years past, it was a tremendous success and we very much appreciate the support of the Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate, and the components that were able to participate in the demonstration," Christensen added.



Lt Col Dave Osterman, Capabilities and Requirements Division Chief, Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate, briefs participants during the FAMFIRE.



Barry Schulhofer, Non-Lethal Weapons liaison to USTRANSCOM, left, and Gunnery Sgt. Joel Billingsly, USTRANSCOM Protection Division, disconnect Capt. Desmond Foong, USTRANSCOM Protection Division, from a TASER during the FAMFIRE.

Photos by
Bob Fehringer,
USTRANSCOM/PA

Col Glen Christensen, chief, USTRANSCOM Protection Division, fires a FN303R compressed air launcher as Combat Arms Training and Maintenance instructor Senior Airman Derek L. Zembsch, 375 SFS/S4C, observes.



Kittler takes command of JTRU

By Cmdr. Garrett Kasper, T CPA

Air Force Maj. Gen. Michael D. Kim relinquished command of Joint Transportation Reserve Unit (JTRU) to Air Force Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Kittler in a ceremony Sept. 12 at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Gen. Darren W. McDew, commander, U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM), presided over the ceremony, during which Kittler became the 11th commander of JTRU and assumed the role of mobilization assistant to the commander. Kittler will be the commander's primary advisor for reserve component policy, guidance and developments that affect 88,000 reservists who support USTRANSCOM's global mission.

Kim's next assignment will be Mobilization Assistant to the commander, Air Force Reserve Command at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

"I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity to have led so many talented warriors," Kim said. "Day in, and day out, this team's unselfish commitment to the TRANSCOM mission has been vital to our national security. You continually validate that you are a viable and very relevant asset to TRANSCOM. Together, you delivered, and I know that same dedication and commitment will continue for Brig. Gen. Kittler."

Gen. McDew also commented on both the outgoing and incoming JTRU commanders during his remarks.

"As commander of the JTRU, Maj. Gen. Kim always led from the front and put people first," McDew said. "He leveraged their broad and unique experience to enhance TRANSCOM's ability to meet both the day-to-day as well as surge transportation and distribution requirements for America's forces. Maj. Gen. Kim is a con-



Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Kittler accepts the flag from Gen. Darren W. McDew, commander, USTRANSCOM, signaling the change of command for the Joint Transportation Reserve Unit during a ceremony Sept. 12.

summate professional and has had a lasting impact on this command."

"Brig. Gen. Kittler is the right person, at the right time to succeed Maj. Gen. Kim," McDew continued. "When I was commander of the 18th Air Force, he was my choice to serve as mobilization assistant, and I know from personal experience that he is a dedicated, diligent and driven leader. His vast leadership and operational experience, coupled with his passion to serve, makes him the perfect choice to lead the JTRU and support America's warfighters across the globe."

"I am truly humbled and honored to serve in this role, and will do my utmost to fill the boots of such a brilliant and energetic leader as Maj. Gen. Kim," Kittler said. "It amazes me to see there is no tangible differentiation between JTRU reservists and the active

duty personnel here at TRANSCOM. At his recent assumption of command ceremony, Gen. McDew promised our nation we will be ready anytime, anywhere to support our warfighters. Today, I promise him the same thing. JTRU will be ready to seamlessly support TRANSCOM and our nation with the same level of passion and professionalism – together, as one team."

Kittler most recently served as the mobilization assistant to the commander, 18th Air Force, also based at Scott Air Force Base. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from the University of Illinois. He also studied as a Senior Executive Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., and holds a master's degree in International Relations from Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I. Kittler has logged more than 4,400 military flight hours, including 134 combat and 146 combat support hours, in the T-37, T-38, C-21, KC-10, C-130 and C-17. He has also accumulated more than 6,000 hours flying commercial aircraft, including the Fokker-100 and Boeing 737, 727, 757 and 767 platforms.

USTRANSCOM, one of nine combatant commands, provides air, land and sea transportation, terminal management and aerial refueling to support the global deployment, employment, sustainment and redeployment of U.S. forces. Its components include the Army's Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, the Air Force's Air Mobility Command, the Navy's Military Sealift Command in Washington, District of Columbia and the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, Norfolk, Virginia.

FIAR FLASH Communique #2

Breaking News

The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) is taking a Strategic Pause on Exams & Audits in FY16 to focus resources on Critical Path Tasks and Dealbreakers. This results in suspension of our readiness examination for FY16. However, this does not affect our Strategic Plan objective to become "audit ready," as USTRANSCOM will undergo an Audit in FY17.

What's Next

One of the most essential objectives to be considered "Auditable" is the performance of the Open Document Reconciliation (Triannual Review). This encompasses a line-by-line review of open TWCF financial documents to

include contracts, MIPRs, MORDs, AF Form 4009s, and travel orders.

To achieve success in this area requires:

- * Director Involvement
- * Dedicated Resources – Organic & Contractor
- * Required Supporting Documentation
- * Embedded Internal Controls, Operating Instructions, and Standard Operating Procedures
- * Resources and Tools Available
- * Commander's Audit Readiness Checklist
- * FIAR Knowledge Management SharePoint Site

Accurate & Reliable Financial Information... Auditability

Vicksburg Campaign Staff Ride

By Peg Nigra, TCRC

After a three-year hiatus due to budget cuts, the Vicksburg Campaign Staff Ride took place Aug. 25-28. Led by Dr. Jay H. Smith, director, Research Center (TCRC), the group of 26 USTRANSCOM, Air Mobility Command, Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, and Military Sealift Command military and civilian employees took the long bus ride to Vicksburg, Mississippi, to spend two days tramping the battlefields that made up the American Civil War's Vicksburg Campaign.

Two professors from the Army's Combat Studies Institute at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, handled the on-site instruction.

The Union victory at Vicksburg on July 4th, 1863, coincided with the more well-known Union victory at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Gettysburg, closer to the reporters and editors of the country's biggest newspapers, got the most press.

Although not as well known or studied as the eastern campaigns of the Civil War, the victory at Vicksburg dealt a major blow to the Confederate cause.

The Union Army and Navy collaboration to gain control of the Mississippi River was complete once the Confederate forces at Vicksburg surrendered. With the Union in charge of the river, the Confederacy was cut in two, isolating the Trans-Mississippi forces while the major artery for Northern commerce was restored.



Dr. Curt King (yellow shirt, Combat Studies Institute, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas), leads his staff ride group past the Illinois Memorial, dedicated in 1906 to the more than 36,000 Illinois soldiers who participated in the Vicksburg Campaign. Photo by Jay Smith, TCRC



From left to right, Dr. Mark Cyr, Army Lt. Col. Mitchell Wisniewski, and Air Force Tech Sgt. Uriah Eichholz tackle the steep incline of Stockade Redan, a Confederate fortification at Vicksburg, Mississippi. Photo by Jay Smith, TCRC

A staff ride is a professional development exercise that involves extensive historical study of a battle, coupled with a visit to the battlefield itself to derive lessons from the past that are applicable to the present.

Designed for government employees--officers, enlisted personnel, and civilians--with at least six months time remaining on station, participants should have an interest in military history, be willing to complete preparatory work, and contribute to the staff ride through role playing and a sense of adventure.

The Vicksburg Campaign raises issues at the strategic, operational, and tactical levels of war that are relevant to a joint logistics organization such as USTRANSCOM. It

also offers case studies in leadership, planning, joint force operations, mobility, logistics, the impact of terrain, and risk assessment.

The on-site portion of the staff ride involves two days walking the battlefields and discussing the action. An integration seminar on the final evening wraps up the staff ride.

An added treat was meeting Sid Champion V, the great-great grandson of Sid and Matilda Champion, who settled in the Vicksburg area before the Civil War.

The Champion House served as Gen. Ulysses Grant's headquarters and Champion Hill, also known as "The Hill of Death," was the site of the largest engagement of the campaign. Mr. Champion provided a personal perspective on the battle and granted permission to access his property for the staff ride.

Here are several comments from the anonymous participant survey:

* Standing on Fort Hill and looking out toward the Chickasaw Bayou really helped me imagine the mindset of the soldiers during the battle. That's such a physical advantage and great observation point.

* The staff ride was a great learning event. While I enjoyed learning about the battles and Civil War history, I was particularly impressed with how we were able to identify the similarities/challenges which still exist and how critical relationships, trust and logistics are to any large scale effort.

* An exceptional experience that was very well done from the beginning to the end.

If you would like to read about the Vicksburg Campaign and staff ride, go to the TCRC Sharepoint page under Command Group. Right below the banner you will see a tab for the Vicksburg Campaign Staff Ride. Click on that tab. There you will find general information, an electronic library, historical illustrations, photos from this year's staff ride, and links to campaign-related web sites.

TCRC also has a selection of books on the Civil War and Vicksburg, in particular, that you can check out.

Spiritual Renewal

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Trenton E. Lewis

We are firmly into the fall season. As such, we begin anew another period of change.

The great thing about the seasons is they remind us of the need for us to understand that renewal is as vital a part of life as the air we breathe.

As you face the fall season of 2015, remember the value inherent in letting go of the past clutter that may have clouded our past spring.

Let go and embrace the renewal this fall will reveal, as this period of refreshing will usher



Chaplain Lewis

in as it jettisons the weight of the past.

I believe this is what is implicit in Paul's message to the Corinthians in his day and to us today:

... We never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18 New Living Translation)



Kenyan Defence Force visits

Dr. Jay Smith, director USTRANSCOM Research Center, explains an aspect of the Building 1900 front lobby display to Kenyan visitors, Sept. 16. The Kenyan Defence Force officers were at USTRANSCOM at the invitation of the Outreach Program, which brings mid-level logistics and transportation counterparts from "access" or "potential access" partner nations to USTRANSCOM to foster future engagement opportunities, show them how USTRANSCOM works, and build long-term relationships built on trust. *Photo by Bob Fehringer, USTRANSCOM/PA*

Facilities and Safety Corner

- * In 1900E/W, work will begin to replace the carpet with rubber flooring in three break rooms (283, 328, 3031), and in the vestibule of room 1045.
- * We will begin painting and replacing the sound panels within the Seay Auditorium.



Construction continues on the new parking lot. Within the next few weeks the contractor will begin laying asphalt. *Photo by Bob Fehringer, USTRANSCOM/PA*

Recognitions



Seeing stars

Lt. Gen. Stephen R. Lyons, USTRANSCOM deputy commander, received his third star during a ceremony in the Seay Auditorium Sept. 3, 2015. Gen. Darren W. McDew, USTRANSCOM commander, officiated the ceremony which was attended by distinguished visitors, directors, and family and friends of Lt. Gen. Lyons. Photo by Rob Wieland, USTRANSCOM/PA

Arrivals

Lt. Col. Fred Delacruz, TCJ5/4
Staff Sgt. Carrie Marbury, TCJ1
Sgt. Jasmine Reese, TCJ1
Maj. Steven Foster, TCJ3
Sgt. Tom Williamson, TCJ3 DDOC
Lt. Col. Brian Shoemaker, TCJ3
Lt. Col. Tomika Seaberry, TCJ3
Maj. Brooks Boyd, TCJ3
Maj. Rodney Landrum, TCJ3
Pfc. Kevin Smith, TPMRC
Sgt. 1st Class Jesse Johnson, TCJ3
Petty Officer 2nd Class Stephen K. Hudson, TCJ2
Master Sgt. Patrick Mahoney, TCCC
Capt. Douglas Guth, TCAQ
Richard J. Simms, TCJ3-WR
Debra K. Dunks, TCJ8-BH
Laura M. Ades, TCAQ-I
Cpl. Ryheme Stephens, TCCS

Departures

Capt. Timothy Biedenstein, TCAC
Lt. Col. Bobby Burrus, TCJ3 DDOC
Lt. Col. Carter Meredith, TPMRC
Maj. Kevin Eley, TCJ3
Senior Airman Jeremy Shuey, TCJ3
Col. Robert Mallets, TCJ5/4
Lt. Col. Paul Zuluaga, SDDC
Senior Master Sgt. Jason Klug, TCJ3
Staff Sgt. Erik Herzig, TCJ3
Tech. Sgt. Jesus Trejo, TCJ3
Staff Sgt. Daminos Razzouq, JECC
Maj. Lee Rickard, TCSG
Tech. Sgt. William Davis, TCJ3
Master Sgt. Eric Blodgett, TCJ3
Tech. Sgt. Dennis Crosby, JECC

Senior Master Sgt. Justin Papalia, JECC
Tech. Sgt. John King, TCJ3
Staff Sgt. David Tucios, TCJ3
Lt. Col. Robert Hume, TCJ2
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Staff Sgt. Roy Berngfield, TCJ2
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Promotions

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Cmdr. Kristian L. Wahlgren, TCJ3
Lt. Cmdr. Heath C. Floray, TCJ2
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Sgt. Joel Gonzalez, TCJ1

USTRANSCOM's 2015 Lance P. Sijan Winners

Lt. Col. Chance Geray, JECC, Senior Officer Category
Capt. Matthew Pinson, TCJ2, Junior Officer Category
Master Sgt. Laura Stanton, JECC, Senior Enlisted Category
Staff Sgt. Carley Elsky, TCJ2, Junior Enlisted Category

Editor's note

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We realize individual branches have their own style, but that is used for individual-service-oriented material.